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REMARKS

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1. From 11 to 28 May 1951, the activity of the troops at the Templin (N 54/U 81) training area was primarily confined to the troop camps. [] 50X1-HUM
 [] the troops were receiving instruction, and arms training, or were policing and improving the camps. During the week from 21 to 27 May, the troops were active only at night, and engaged in the same routine as on the previous days. The German employees also had to work at night. The headlights of all motor vehicles were provided with blackout covers, some of which were makeshift and made of wrapping paper.
2. The Kannenburg Restaurant, which was used as an officers' mess in 1950, was off-limits to officers this year. All troops in the camps were forbidden to drink alcoholic beverages. Only soft drinks were offered for sale. Inns and streets were patrolled continually. [] Large quantities of construction material, such as boards, were shipped to the camps. No sizable supply shipments were seen arriving by rail or truck. There were hardly any incoming fuel shipments.
3. On 24 May, a column of seven half-track vehicles towing 100-mm AT guns arrived from the direction of Zehdenick and moved into Camp Vogelsang. On 28 April, a convoy of 21 trucks [] loaded with timber, ammunition, and billeting equipment, arrived from the direction of Oranienburg and moved into Camp Vogelsang.

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* Comment. As at the other troop training grounds in the Soviet Zone of Germany, the activity of the troops in the second half of May 1951 was primarily restricted to the preparation of quarters and theoretical instruction.
 [] the truck convoy which arrived on 28 May 1951, belonged to the 25th Tank Div.

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